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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF
THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
NOVEMBER 28, 1896.

The meeting was called to order by President HUSSEY. The minutes of the last meeting, as printed in the *Publications*, were approved.

The Secretary read the names of new members duly elected at the Directors' meeting.

The following papers were presented:

1. Historical Review of Eclipse Observations (illustrated by lantern slides), by Mr. A. L. COLTON, of the Lick Observatory.
2. The Lick Observatory Eclipse Expedition to Japan, August, 1896, (illustrated by lantern slides), by Mr. C. BURCKHALTER, of the Chabot Observatory.
3. The Total Solar Eclipse of August 9, 1896, as observed in Russia, (with photographs of the Corona), by Mr. ALEXANDER RYDZEWSKI.
4. Discovery of the Companion to *Procyon*, by Prof. SCHAEFERLE, of the Lick Observatory.
5. Re-discovery of the Companion to *Sirius*, by Prof. AITKEN, of the Lick Observatory.
6. Discovery of Comet *f*, 1896, by Mr. C. D. PERRINE, of the Lick Observatory.
7. Measures of 108 Double Stars, by Prof. AITKEN, of the Lick Observatory.
8. Catalogue of 50 New Nebulæ discovered at the Lowe Observatory, California, by Dr. LEWIS SWIFT.
- 9, 10, 11, 12. Orbits of Comet *e*, 1896, calculated by Messrs. HUSSEY and PERRINE, of the Lick Observatory; SEARS and CRAWFORD, of the Student's Observatory, Berkeley.
13. Planetary Phenomena for January and February, 1897, by Prof. MCNEILL, of Lake Forest, Ills.
14. Kepler, by Dr. EDWARD S. HOLDEN.
15. The photographic Moon-Atlas of the Paris Observatory, reviewed by Dr. HOLDEN.

Mr. A. L. COLTON gave an historical review of eclipse observations, illustrated by lantern slides; commencing with the earliest drawings of the corona, made in 1715, copies of the first successful photographs, made in 1851, and concluding with pictures of the eclipse of August, 1896, made by the Russian Expedition in Lapland.

Mr. BURCKHALTER contributed a description of the recent eclipse expedition to Japan, exhibiting a number of slides of scenes along the route of travel and of the eclipse station and instruments at Akkeshi.

The thanks of the Society were returned to the California Academy of Sciences for the use of the lecture hall.

Adjourned.